WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Spurt in Terrorist Activities

*302. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in terrorist activities during last one month;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the nature of terrorist attacks;

(c) the number of paramilitary personnel, civilians and terrorists killed and injured in these incidents; and

(d) the steps taken to avert such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per available information, there is no spurt in terrorist activities during the last one month. However, some major Pak sponsored terrorist incidents have occurred in J&K and Delhi during November, 2002. In these incidents, 13 Security personnel, 14 civilians and 6 terrorists were killed 35 Security personnel and 46 civilians were injured.

(d) From time to time, the Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about threat perception with regard to the activities of militant groups. Assistance is provided by the Central Government to States by way of deployment of para-military forces and release of funds for modernizing the State Police Forces. 32 militant organizations have been notified as Terrorist Organisations. Besides, the Government has set up Joint Working Groups with a number of countries to counter terrorism.

Projects for rural drinking water supply in Andhra Pradesh

*312. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of pilot projects of Rural Water Supply Programme in Chittoor, Khammam, Nalgonda, Nellore, Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh under rural drinking water component of Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY);

(b) by when these projects are likely to be completed;

(c) whether more districts are proposed to be covered under PMGY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) Under rural drinking water component of Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), Department of Drinking Water Supply in the Ministry of Rural Development has not approved any pilot projects of Rural Water Supply Programme in Chittoor, Khammam, Nalgonda, Nellore, Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Distribution and Transmission Losses

†*313. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Wil the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortage in peak as well as general hours in the country can be brought to negligible level by bringing the losses in its distribution and transmission system at the international level;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the power distribution and transmission losses at international level have been assessed at six per cent only; and

(c) if not, the percentage thereof and what is the Government's time-bound scheme for bringing the above said power losses to the international level?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The transmission and distribution (T&D) losses in the developed countries of the world are in the range of 6-11%. The level of T&D losses in the country is around 31% and is higher than that of the developed countries of the world. While the losses in Extra High Voltage network (EHV) about 4-5% bulk of the losses occur in the sub-transmission and distribution systems.

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